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GEORGIA'S EGG PRODUCTION DOWN

The State's laying flocks produced 416 million eggs during May 2004, 3 percent less than the 428 million produced in May last year, according to the Georgia Agricultural Statistics Service. May production included 242 million table eggs, 3 percent less than last year, and 174 million hatching eggs, down 2 percent from last year.

The average number of all layers for May was 20.1 million, 2 percent less than a year ago. The total consisted of 11.1 million layers for table eggs and 9.0 million for hatching eggs. Eggs laid per 100 layers during May averaged 2,069, down 1 percent from the previous year. All layers on June 1, 2004 totaled 20.2 million, 2 percent less than June 2003 inventory. Rate of lay per day during May 2004, averaged 66.7 eggs per 100 layers, down 1 percent from the 67.2 eggs a year ago.

May 2004 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 121.2 million, was up 3 percent from May of the previous year. Egg-type chicks hatched during May totaled 2.38 million, down 2 percent from a year ago.

U.S. MAY EGG PRODUCTION UP 2 PERCENT

U.S. egg production totaled 7.50 billion during May 2004, up 2 percent from last year. Production included 6.39 billion table eggs, and 1.11 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.05 billion were broiler-type and 59.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during May 2004 averaged 342 million, up 2 percent from a year earlier. May egg production per 100 layers was 2,192 eggs, up 1 percent from May 2003.

All layers in the U.S. on June 1, 2004, totaled 343 million, up 2 percent from a year ago. The 343 million layers consisted of 283 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 57.4 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.41 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on June 1, 2004, averaged 70.3 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from a year ago.

Laying flocks in the 30 major egg producing States produced 7.00 billion eggs during May 2004, up 2 percent from a year ago. The average number of layers during May, at 319 million, was up 2 percent from a year ago.

The May 2004 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 810 million, was up 2 percent from May of the previous year. There were 660 million eggs in incubators on June 1, 2004, up 1 percent from a year earlier.

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